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A ſhort Account of all the moſt conſiderable News, *Foreign* and *Domeſtic.*

Edinburgh, Monday December 2, 1723.

From the Evening Poſt, Nov. 26. 1723.

Since our laſt arrived a Mail from France.

Madrid, Nov. 16.

THE King has appointed Captains for 50 new Companies in ſeveral Regiments. His Majeſty has ſuppreſſed the Vice Royalty of the Kingdom of Granada, and ſent thither the Marſhal de Camp don Antonio Manſo, to act as Governour, and Preſident of the Royal Audience de Santa fe.

Paris, December 1. Thurſday next the Count de Morville, will perform the Ceremony of receiving into the French Academy, the Preſident Henault, the Abbot Alaric, and Mr. *Adam* will alſo be ſhortly introduced there by the Abbots du Bois and de la Roquette.

When the Miniſter of Portugal gave an Entertainment on Account of the Infant, ſome Sharpers found Means to get in, and pick'd out of the Pocket of that Miniſter a fine Golden Box ſet with Diamonds, in which was the Picture of the King his Maſter, they alſo took from the Princeſs de Pers, a Watch worth 3000 Livres.

The Marquis de Beringen, firſt Maſter of the Horſe to his Majeſty, lies ſo dangerouſly ill, that he has received all the Sacraments of the Church.

London, Nov. 26. This Day at Noon South Sea Stock was 111. South Sea Annuity 98, one half. Bank 118. India 139, one half. African 11. York Buildings 13, one 8th.

From

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt.

Hamburgh. Nov. 16. They write from Petersburg that the Marriage which has been ſo long talked of between the Duke of Holſtein and one of the Princeſſes Daughter of the Czar, is certainly agreed upon, but for ſome Reaſons will not be celebrated till two Years hence.

Copenhagen, Nov. 19. Vice Admiral Franteſles is already embarked on board a Veſſel bound for the Eaſt Indies, whether he is going to take Poſſeſſion of his Government of St. Thomas.

London, Nov. 23. They are making Preparations at the Royal Palace at St. James's for the Reception of his Majeſty whoſe Arrival is expected by the 19th of the next Month.

Laſt Thurſday one Mr. Pavy, a Romiſh Prieſt was taken into Cuſtody at his Lodging in Wildſtreet.

Portſmouth, Nov. 19. This Day Se'night, the Morocco Ambaſſador ſet out for London in one of his Majeſty's Coaches. The Lion is carried up in the Waggon, but the Oſtriches were drove along the Road, their Wings being ty'd down. In the Evening our Governour arrived here, and went away the next Morning.

From the Evening Poſt, Nov. 26.

Hague, Nov. 19. Private Letters from Petersburg ſay, That the Daniſh Miniſter at Petersburg has ſo far carried his Point, That the Czar has agreed for the preſent to pay the ſame Toll for his Ships paſſing the Sound that other Nations pay.

London, Nov. 29. The Lord Chief Juſtice Eyre's Patent is paſſing the Seals.

Our laſt Advices from Bruſſels of the 22d ſay, That on the 19th inſtant a Memoir was Printed there, in Reply to the Diſſertation the Directors of the Eaſt India Company delivered to the States General, which was Printed in Holland, againſt eſtabliſhing a new Eaſt India Company at Oſtend. Several Copies were ſent that Day to the Emperor's Miniſters at Foreign Courts, and one to the Imperial Miniſter at London. The Marquis de Prie, leſt others ſhould have them aſſoon as the ſaid Miniſters, prohibited the Printer to ſell or give any Copies, without any Exception of Perſons, till the next Day following. This Memoir was writ by M. P. M. Nany, Counſellor and Fiſcal Extraordinary of the Finances, and not by M. Brower, as was ſaid: However, we hear it is Tranſlating by one who knows the Author, who ſays it is a ſolid Piece, written by ſpecial Authority of the Government, in Defence of their Eaſt India Company; and refutes the Diſſertation publiſh'd, againſt the Liberty of the Emperor's Subjects in the Auſtrian Netherlands, who think themſelves entitled to have a Charter from the Emperor, as well as when they were Subjects to Charles II. King of Spain, who granted them, in 1698, an Octroy or Charter, to eſtabliſh a Company for Trade; and that then it met with no Oppoſition, either from the Dutch or any other Power.

London, Nov 26. Laſt Saturday her Grace the Dutcheſs of Marlborough was brought to bed of a Daughter, upon which the Dutcheſs of Newcaſtle, her Daughter, came to Town from Clermont to attend her.

The Wind has been ſo fair for Holland, that 'tis not doubted but Sir John Norris is arrived by this Time at Helvoetſluys, with the Colcheſter, Leopard, Portmahon, Ferret and Wezel Men of War, with the Royal Yatchts under their Convoy, that are to attend his Majeſty in his Return to Great Britain.

From

From the Flying Poſt, Nov. 26.

To the Author,

SIR,

I declare to you, That I am no Admirer of Anagrams nor Acroſticks, or of the initial or final Letters of any Names whatſoever, ſo far as to think there's any occult Quality or hidden Hiſtory in any one Letter of the Alphabet more than another; yet for Amuſement ſake, when you have a Vaccancy of News, I could wiſh you would inſert the following Lines, which are all, but the Two laſt taken out of Dr. Howel's Compendium of Engliſh Hiſtory; and ſerve to prove, beyond Diſpute, that H, is a Letter, and one of no ſmall Rank and Conſequence in the Engliſh Nation and Language.

Not ſuperſtitiouſly I ſpeak, but H. this Letter ſtill,
Hath been obſerved omnous to *England*'s Good or Ill;

Humber the *Hun* with Foreign Arms did firſt invade,
Helen to *Rome*'s Imperial Throne the *Britiſh* Crown convey'd
Hengeſt and *Horſus* firſt did plant the *Saxons* in this Iſle,
Hungar and *Hubba* firſt brought *Danes* that ſway'd here a long while,
At *Harold* had the *Saxon* End, at *Hardy Knoute* the *Dane*.
Henrys the firſt and ſecond did reſtore the *Engliſh* Reign:
Fourth *Henry*, firſt for *Lancaſter* and *York* unites in Peace,
Henry the Eight did happily *Rome*'s Irreligion ceaſe.

The Crown at laſt deſcends to the *Hanoverian* Line,
And from its Princes won't depart untill the End of Time.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt, Nov. 26.

The Miniſters of Bavaria and Munſter have been very active at Prague, about the Affair of the Coadjutorſhip of Liege, that they might carry the Emperor's Reſolutions to their reſpective Maſters.

The Public is impatient to ſee how the Religious Affairs will end, which muſt manifeſt it ſelf within the Space of 6 Weeks, ſince his Imperial Majeſty is reſolved to adhere to his laſt Reſolution. Mean-time 'tis reported, that the Elector of Mayence has writ to the Elector Palatine, repreſenting to him, That he muſt be ſufficiently informed, from what has paſs'd at the Proteſtant Princes Courts, anent the concerted Reſolutions and Meaſures they have taken in order to have the Religious Grievances fully redreſs'd: Which has already had this Effect, that the Elector Palatine has not only anſwered the ſaid Letter in very obliging Terms, but has alſo enjoined his Roman Catholic Miniſters to lay before him all the Grievances of his Proteſtant Subjects, and chiefly thoſe that are publiſhed in Print, and to forbear any further Attempts; threatning them with Baniſhment in caſe of Diſobedience.

We expect ſhortly here the Prince of Deſſau, in quality of his Pruſſian Majeſty's Ambaſſador, in order to eſtabliſh a firm and laſting Harmony and Amity between the two Courts; which is the more likely, ſince we are informed that his Pruſſian Majeſty would not hearken to the laſt advantagious Propoſals the Czar has made to him, to incorporate the Provinces of Coutland and Lithuania

nia in the Poliſh Pruſſia; and that notwithſtanding all the plauſible Arguments us'd by the Czar to make this effectual, his Pruſſian Majeſty would not at all liſten to it.

Genoa, October 30. On the 28th we had a violent Storm of Wind, Thunder and Lightning, one Flaſh whereof fell on the Convent of the Nuns of our Lady de la Chapelle. The ſame Day a Ship arrived here from Trapani, the Maſter whereof reports, that ſome Malteſe Privateers had taken in the Levant Seas, and carried to Malta three Turkiſh Saicks, whoſe Cargoes were reckoned to be of great Value.

There's Advice from Spain, that the Marquis de Mari's Squadron has taken in the Streights a Corſair of Barbary.

Turin, Nov. 17. On the 12th a Son of Prince Emmanuel of Savoy (who is Prince Eugene's Nephew, and Colonel of Horſe in the Emperor's Service) arrived here from Vienna, in order to be educated under the King's Eye at this Court. This young Prince, whoſe Name is *Eugene*, has ſince his Arrival lodged at the Princeſs Loniſa's, but this Night is to remove to the Academy, where his Majeſty has caus'd an Apartment to be finiſhed for him, and has made him a Preſent of a Service of Plate.

Paris, Nov. 27. On the 24th an Expreſs brought Advice to the Duke of Orleans, that the Hereditary Princeſs of Modena is ſafely delivered of a Prince at Reggio; on which occaſion his Royal Highneſs received Yeſterday the Compliments of the Court at the Palace Royal. This Princeſs is 2d Daughter to the Duke of Orleans, and was called Madamoiſelle de Valois before her Marriage.

London, Nov. 26. Yeſterday in the Afternoon an Expreſs arrived here with the News of the Death of the Duke of Orleans, late Regent of France; which occaſioned a violent Fall of the Price of South Sea Stock, *viz.* from 115 to 108 *per Cent.*

N. B. In the Article relating to Sir John Fellows's Eſtate at Caſhaltoun, mentioned in our Laſt, in ſtead of its being put up at 1000 *L.* read 10000 *L.* and ſold for 14310 *L.*

Wye's *Letter* verbatim, *November* 26.

OUR laſt Advices from Petersburg add, That frequent Expreſſes having arriv'd from Perſia, preſſing again for a ſpeedy Reinforcement of ſome Regiments, a Council of War was thereupon held, and immediatly after an Expreſs was ſent back to Anderof, with Letters to all the petty Princes on the Borders of Perſia, exhorting them to remain ſteady in the Czar's Intereſt, and to join the Muſcovite Army with their Forces, aſſuring them that his Majeſty will forthwith ſend ſome Thouſands more of his own Troops thither. 'Tis ſaid the Czar deſigns to notify to all the Courts of Europe, the Treaty he has made with the Sophi of Perſia.

Notwithſtanding the Advices given us from Leghorn, of putting all the Sea-Ports of Tuſcany into a State of Defence, and from Toulon, That 200 Workmen were daily employed there in building ſeveral Men of War and Galleys, and of Preparations being likewiſe carried on by the Spaniards; yet we have good Reaſon to believe, that the Difficulties which have retarded the opening of the Cambray Congreſs are in a Manner entirely remov'd, for we are told, that the Imperial Plenipotentiary has been 2 or 3 Times in Conference ſince his Return from Paris to Cambray, with the other Miniſters concerning that Congreſs, and had diſpatched an Expreſs to the Emperor; and that very agreeable News has been ſent to our Court from Mr. Horatio Walpole.

The publiſhing of Biſhop Burnet's Hiſtory will, they ſay, very much tend to the Aſſiſtance of thoſe who make a Scruple of taking the Oaths: Mean Time, there is publiſhed a Sermon preach'd by Mr. Bullock Viccar of Mitchen in Surrey, wherein that Gentleman ſays, That ſome have been miſled by a falſe and Groundleſs Notion, that they are required to ſwear, that the Pretender was

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not the Son of the late King James; and that according to the ordinary Courſe of Inheritance, he had no Claim to thoſe Kingdoms, whereas there is no ſuch Thing mention'd in the Oath, or intended by it. It does not concern it ſelf about Title by Inheritance, but only about a legal Title, which he ſays is a Bar to all Claim or Title whatſoever, That our Laws now in Force have excluded the Pretender as a Papiſt, declared him to have no Right or Title to the Crown; and ſettled it upon his Majeſty and his Heirs after him, being Proteſtants.

This Day arrived a Mail from France, with Letters from Paris of the Firſt of December N. S. adviſing, That on the 27th paſt an Ordinance of the King was publiſhed, forbidding on ſevere Penalties, all Play at Hazard, even in the Royal Palaces, at which Game, we hear ſome of the Engliſh Gentry have lately met with a very indifferent Chance. The Portugal Ambaſſador had his Pocket pick'd the Evening of his Ball of a Gold Box, containing the King his Maſter's Picture ſet with Diamonds. The Palace of Luxemburg is fitting up for the Reſidence of the Prince and Princeſs of Modena, who are ſhortly expected in France.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed William Heathcoat Eſq; his Son in Law, and one of the Members for Buckingham to be Secretary, and Regiſter of the Commiſſion of Bankrupts, in Room of William Parker Eſq; deceas'd.

Yeſterday South Sea Stock ſold for 114, 1 4th. This Day fell to 108, upon the Arrival of the News of the Death of the Duke of Orleans, who died laſt Thurſday Night, in the 50th Year of his Age, of an Apoplexy; and we are told, That upon his Deceaſe, the moſt Chriſtian King named the Duke of Bourbon, who is reputed to be in the ſame Intereſt with his Predeceſſor, or at leaſt not of the Spaniſh Faction to be his firſt Miniſter: This has made the Stocks to riſe to 111, which 'tis hoped will not be again put into ſuch extraordinary Motions, upon any News we may receive hereafter from France.

Yeſterday the Counteſs of Macclesfield, the Lady Betty Heathcoat, and the Lady Parker, took the Oaths in the Court of Chancery. Our Merchants have the bad News, that the 5 Sifters from New-England for London, was caſt away near Roan; and that a Ship from North Carolina for London, was loſt near the Capes of Virginia.

Haddingtoun, Nov. 29, 1723.

Beſt Wheat	07 l.	09 ſh.	00	2d,	07 l.	06 ſh.	00	3d,	07 l.	00 ſh.	00
Beſt Beir	07 l.	10 ſh.	00	2d,	07 l.	06 ſh.	00	3d,	07 l.	00 ſh.	00
Beſt Oats	06 l.	00 ſh.	00	2d,	05 l.	15 ſh.	00	3d,	05 l.	10 ſh.	00
Beſt Peaſe	06 l.	06 ſh.	00	2d,	06 l.	00 ſh.	00	3d,	05 l.	12 ſh.	00

ADVERTISEMENTS.

*** *That upon the Twenty-third Day of* December *next, in the Houſe of* Patrick Herdman *Vintner in* Edinburgh, *in the* Writers Court *there, between* 3 *and* 4 *a-clock in the Afternoon, will be expoſed to voluntar Roup and Sale, a Laigh Houſe or Cellar, conſiſting of Six Rooms, whereof* 4 *are Fire-roms; a back Vault, and a large fore Vault, lying at the Head of* Bell's Wynd. *The Conditions of Roup and Progreſs of the Writs are to be ſeen in the Hands of* Andrew Geddes *Writer in* Edinburgh, *at his Houſe at the* Bank-cloſs-*head.*

*** *That the upmoſt Story of* Smith's Land, *to the Fore-ſtreet, the Eaſtmoſt Lodging, is to be Sold. Whoever has a-mind to purchaſe the ſame, may ſee the Rights and Progreſs in the Hands of* Alexander Garioch *Writer in* Edinburgh, *at his Houſe, in the Entry of the Cloſs to* Wardrop's Court, *the firſt Turnpike and* 3*d Door, who is ready to commune with them anent the Sale.*

BY

BY Order of Mr. *John Oglvie* of *Balbignie*, Mr. *John Forbes* of *Newhall*, and Mr. *Alexander Bayne* of *Rives*, Advocates, Truſtees and Arbiters for the Creditors of *David* Earl of *Northesk*.

There are to give Notice that the ſaid Truſtees and Arbiters are to proceed in the Ranking; Now, that the moſt part of them have ſigned the Submiſſion, and for that End, the Arbiters have appointed the Credivors to give in their Claims and Inſtructions of Debt to *William Mercer* Writer in *Edinburgh*, Clerk to the ſaid Submiſſion, betwixt and the fifth of *January* next; and ſuch Creditors as have not as yet ſigned the Submiſſion by themſelves or by Proxy; are hereby advertiſed and deſired, to ſign the ſame, or ſend Powers to their Doers for that Effect, That they may not be precluded from the Benefit of the Diſpoſition granted by the ſaid Earl, in Favours of his Creditors; and that they likewiſe ſend up the Grounds of their Debt, and give in their Claims thereon, CERTIFYING, ſuch as do not herewith comply, the Arbiters will proceed without any further Delay.

THAT there are to be expoſed to Sale by a voluntary Roup, upon Tueſday *the 7th of* January 1724 *Years, betwixt the Hours of 3 and 5 in the Afternoon, within the Houſe of* John Steel *Vintner in* Edinburgh, *the Lands and Barony of* Carnbee, *holden Taxtward of the Crown, with a Tenement and ſix Acres of Land in* Overkelly, *holding Blench of the Earl of* Kelly, *all lying within the Shire of* Fife, *and extending in yearly free Rent to 55 Bolls 3 Firlots Meal, 103 Bolls 3 Firlots Bear, 6 Bolls 3 Firlots 3 Pecks Oats, 516 l. 17 ſh. 4 p. Money, 168 Cain Fowls, 120 Loads Carriage-Coals and 5 lib. for a Stone of Cheeſe and a Wedder, with a Coal and a great Number of Old and young Planting, and an Orchyard, Pidgeon-houſe and other Office-houſes, and about 80 Acres of Ground for Parking and labouring in the Knightsward, and Two Thirds of King's Muir not rentalled. The Progreſs, Rental and Conditions of Roup, are to be ſeen in the Hands of* William Forbes *Writer to the Signet, at his Writing Chamber in the Parliament Cloſe,* Edinburgh.

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